

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Health Law Section of the  
Idaho State Bar  
December 5, 2024**

**Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Health Law Section of the Idaho State Bar was called to order by Section Chair Elizabeth Sonnichsen at 12:00 p.m. at the office of the Idaho State Bar and via video teleconference on Thursday, December 5, 2024.

**General Business:**

Ms. Sonnichsen and Vice Chair Lauren Smyser, addressed the following matters of Section business:

- Financial Report: Secretary/Treasurer Brent Wilson reported on Section's finances based on the Idaho State Bar's most recent Health Law Section Financial Statement as of September 30, 2024.
- Elections: The following individuals were nominated to serve on the Section's Governing Council in the following positions for Calendar Year 2023:
  - Chair\*: Lauren Smyser
  - Vice Chair: Sydney McFarlin
  - Secretary/Treasurer: Brent Wilson
  - At Large Governing Council Members:
    - Nick Healey
    - Marisa Crecelius
    - Melissa Starry
    - Cameron McCue
    - Ally Kjellander
    - Adam King
    - Scott Zanzig

The Bar will send an email to Section membership after the meeting to approve/elect the above slate of nominees to serve in the above positions for calendar year 2025.

\* Pursuant to Article III Section 1 of the Section's Bylaws, 2024 Vice Chair Lauren Smyser automatically succeeds to the position of Chair. Pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of the Section's Bylaws, Chair Elizabeth Sonnichsen automatically succeeds Mallam Prior as Immediate Past Chair of the Section.

- 2025 Planning:

Ms. Smyser identified two planning priorities Section activities during 2025:

1. The Health Law Section sponsored issue of the Advocate:

- Anyone interested in writing an article for the Section's issue of the Advocate may reach out to Ms. Smyser. The Section is looking for 5 to 7 articles to submit to the Advocate. Acceptable topics must be health care law related. The deadline for article submission to the Advocate's Editorial Advisory Board is May 2025.
2. 2025 Section Meeting CLE's:
- One of the primary expectations for the Section's Governing Council is to identify topics and presenters for Section meeting CLE's, but anyone is welcome to propose a topic and/or presenter. Anyone interested in proposing a topic or presenting a CLE at a Section meeting may reach out to Ms. Smyser.
    - A discussion ensued about potential topics and presenters for 2025. Wendy Olsen recommended a legislative review after the Idaho Legislature's annual session closes in the spring. Stephanie Westermeier voiced agreement and recommended the Section invite Jeremy Pisca or Ken McClure to present a legislative review/recap.
    - Ms. Olson mentioned inviting the Idaho AUSA to discuss HHS/OIG enforcement priorities related to health care, especially after the January change to a new administration.
    - Ms. Westermeier suggested inviting the State Board of Medicine's attorney to present on Board of Medicine actions and enforcement priorities.
3. Social: Ms. Sonnichsen referenced the Section's social event at Payette Brewing Co. in 2024 and asked about the value of planning a social in 2025. Section members discussed and agreed that a Section social event for networking and socializing purposes is a worthwhile idea to pursue in 2025.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, Ms. Sonnichsen adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Brent Wilson  
Secretary/Treasurer